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LETTER DATED 19 APRIL 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to your note of 18 April transmitting to the members of the Council the preliminary version of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of paragraph 9 (b) (i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991).

As you will recall, Cuba voted against Security Council resolution 687 (1991) and, at the Council's 2981st meeting, Ambassador Ricardo Alarcón de Quesada, Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations, made a statement which made perfectly clear Cuba's position and the reasons for its vote, which included the text's selectiveness on the issue of disarmament when such a measure should have been regional in scope.

Accordingly, while the Republic of Cuba will not obstruct the adoption of the report of the Secretary-General which you have brought to our attention, nor the letter which you propose to send to the Secretary-General, since they derive from a resolution which the Security Council adopted without Cuba's supporting vote, we none the less wish to reaffirm all the elements of our 3 April 1991 statement and to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Cuba does not associate itself with the implications which implementation of this measure could have for the peace, stability and security of the Middle East.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Carlos ZAMORA RODRIGUEZ
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